

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 3, 1899.

*Hon. R. N. Stafford, President Pro Tem
of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Public Lands
and Land Office, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 346, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to ratify, confirm and validate
a title granted by the Mexican govern-
ment to David Choate, which said title
was issued on the 12th day of August,
1835, by George (or Jorge) Antonio
Nixon, special commissioner for issuing
titles to colonists in Zavala's and Vehe-
lein's colonies for one league of land now
situated partly in Hardin and partly in
Jefferson county, Texas,"

Have had the same under considera-
tion, and I am instructed to report the
same back to the Senate with the recom-
mendation that it do pass, and further
recommend that it be not printed.

Floor report—Potter, Turney, Neal,
Terrell and James.

POTTER, Chairman.

Senator Sebastian moved to adjourn
until 9:30 a. m. tomorrow.

Lost,
(President Pro Tem Stafford in the
chair.)

MOTION TO RECONSIDER.

Senator Wayland entered on the Jour-
nal a motion to reconsider the vote by
which the amendment to Senate bill No.
323 (anti-trust bill), offered by Senator
Turney, was lost.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER CALLED UP.

Senator Greer called up his motion to
reconsider the vote by which the Free
Conference Committee report on Senate
bill No. 144 was adopted, and moved to
table said motion.

Carried.

Action recurring on Senator Wayland's
amendment to Substitute House bill Nos.
160, 501 and 574 (Confederate pension
bill).

On motion of Senator Davidson, the
pending business was suspended to take
up, on third reading,

House Committee Substitute for Sen-
ate bill No. 222.

The bill was read a third time.

By Senator Miller:

"Amend House Committee Substitute
for Senate bill No. 222, Section 1, page
3, by striking out in lines 28 and 29
the words 'with the consent and approval
of the Governor,' and in line 31 the word

'Governor,' and strike out the word 'Gov-
ernor' wherever it occurs in the bill.

Pending action,

On motion of Senator James, the Sen-
ate adjourned until 10 a. m. tomorrow
by the following vote:

Yeas—11.

Hanger.	Ross.
James.	Sebastian.
Johnson.	Stafford.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Miller.	Yett.
Odell.	

Nays—10.

Atlee.	Morriss.
Davidson.	Patterson.
Dibrell.	Potter.
Greer.	Terrell.
Lloyd.	Turney.

Absent.

Burns.	Lewis.
Goss.	Linn.
Gough.	Neal.

Absent—Excused.

Grinnan.	Stone.
McGee.	

SEVENTY-NINTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, Thursday, May 4, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
President Pro Tem Stafford in the
chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the fol-
lowing Senators answering to their
names:

Atlee.	Neal.
Burns.	Odell.
Davidson.	Patterson.
Dibrell.	Potter.
Greer.	Ross.
Hanger.	Sebastian.
James.	Stafford.
Kerr.	Terrell.
Linn.	Turney.
Lloyd.	Wayland.
Miller.	Yett.
Morriss.	

Absent.

Goss.	Lewis.
Gough.	Stone.
Johnson.	Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

Grinnan.	McGee.
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Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Den-
son.

Pending the reading of the Journal of
yesterday,

On motion of Senator Turney, the same
was dispensed with.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 3, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 332, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the organization of corporations for the purpose of the storage and transportation and purchase and sale of oil and gas; to provide the manner and method of organizing such corporations; to prescribe the rights, powers, privileges and duties of such corporations; to authorize such corporations to construct, operate and maintain pipe lines, tanks, buildings, machinery, apparatus and devices as may be necessary; to own, use and occupy lands, easements, buildings and structures; to empower such corporations to condemn lands and other property for the uses and purposes of such corporations, and to provide the methods therefor; issue stocks and bonds, and to borrow money and mortgage its franchises and property,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

JAMES, Chairman.

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 4, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

House bill No. 181, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to levy an occupation tax upon the gross earnings or royalty accruing to persons, firms, corporations or associations of persons engaged in the business of leasing or renting in this State cotton presses, compresses or gin machinery of any kind, and to require lessees, their agents or managers to make returns of said gross earnings or royalty to the county tax collectors, and to prescribe penalties for failure to do same,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do not* pass.

DIBRELL, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 4, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: We, the minority of your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

House bill No. 181, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to levy an occupation tax upon the gross earnings or royalty accruing to persons, firms, corporations or associations of persons engaged in the business of leasing or renting in this State cotton presses, compresses or gin machinery of any kind, and to require lessees, their agents or managers to make returns of said gross earnings or royalty to the county tax collectors; and to prescribe penalties for failure to do same,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed by the minority to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do* pass.

MORRIS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 4, 1899.

Hon. R. N. Stafford, President Pro Tem of the Senate.

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 329, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize corporations to engage in the business of becoming surety on bonds, undertakings, recognizances and other obligations required or permitted by law or the charter or ordinances, rules or regulations of any municipality, board, body, organization, court, judge or other public officer, to be made, given, tendered or filed with surety or sureties, except the bonds of county officials, and guaranteeing the refraining from or performance by another of any act, duty or obligation, and to regulate such business, and to repeal Chapter 165 of the Acts of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, and all other laws and parts of laws in conflict or inconsistent therewith,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do* pass.

Floor report—Atlee, Burns, Potter and Patterson.

ATLEE, Chairman.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Davidson:

Senate bill No. 348, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 2509, 2510, 2514, 2516, 2517, 2518c, 2518h, 2518k, 2518l, 2518m, 2518n, of Chapter 4, Title XLVIII, of the Revised Civil Code of the State of Texas of 1895, and adding thereto Articles 2518q, 2518r, 2518s and 2518t to said Chapter 4, Title XLVIII, of the Revised Civil Code of the State of Texas of 1895, relating to fish, oysters, etc., and repealing all laws in conflict herewith."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Greer:

Senate bill No. 349, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize, enable and permit School District No. Fourteen (14), of the county of Jefferson and the State of Texas to incorporate as an independent school district for free school purposes only, to be known as the Port Arthur Independent School District, with all the powers, rights and duties of independent school districts formed by incorporation of towns and villages for free school purposes only."

Read first time, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Call concluded.

HOUSE MESSAGE.

The following message from the House was received:

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, May 4, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

I am directed by the House to inform the Senate of the passage of the following bills:

Senate bill No. 162, A bill to be entitled "An Act to define whitecapping, and fixing a punishment therefor," with amendments.

Also Senate bill No. 103, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the venue of suits against private corporations, associations and joint stock companies, so as to permit suits against carriers to be brought in any county in which the carrier on whose line the freight or baggage town or point to which the freight or office or agency, and against whom, with others, damages are claimed, or in any county in which is situated the depot, town or point to which the freight or baggage was consigned or shipped, and to permit two or more carriers to be joined in one suit," with amendments.

Also House Concurrent Resolution No. 53, providing for the appointment of a board of visitors to attend the annual examinations as provided for by Article 3855, Revised Civil Code, State of Texas.

That the House has adopted the Free Conference Committee report on Senate bill No. 68.

Respectfully,

LEE J. ROUNTREE,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ADOPTED.

Senator Turney called up the Free Conference Committee report (see Journal of May 2) on

Senate bill No. 68, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to amend Article 805, Chapter 3, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, as adopted at the Regular Session of the Twenty-fourth Legislature, so as to make the penalty prescribed applicable to all pastures, regardless of their size," and moved its adoption.

Adopted.

Senator Turney moved to reconsider the vote by which the report was adopted, and to lay that motion on the table.

Tabled.

PENDING BUSINESS.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading,

House Committee Substitute for Senate bill No. 222, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Governor and Commissioner of the General Land Office to appoint not more than two agents for the public school lands of this State, to investigate and report upon the location, condition, use or occupancy of the unsold and unleased public school lands of this State, reporting the same to the Governor and said Commissioner," action being on the adoption of Senator Miller's amendment (see Journal of yesterday).

Senator Miller withdrew his amendment.

The bill was then passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Burns.	Neal.
Davidson.	Patterson.
Dibrell.	Potter.
Greer.	Ross.
Hanger.	Sebastian.
James.	Stafford.
Kerr.	Terrell.
Linn.	Turney.
Lloyd.	Wayland.
Miller.	Yett.
Morriss.	

Absent.

Atlee.	Lewis.
Goss.	Odell.
Gough.	Stone.
Johnson.	Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

Grinnan.	McGee.
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Senator Potter moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to lay that motion on the table.

Tabled.

On motion of Senator Greer, the regular order of business was suspended to take up on second reading,

Senate bill No. 346, A bill to be entitled "An Act to ratify, confirm and validate a title granted by the Mexican government to David Choate, which said title was issued on the 12th day of August,

1835, by George (or Jorge) Antonio Nixon, special commissioner for issuing titles to colonists in Zavala's and Vehelein's colonies, for one league of land now situated partly in Hardin and partly in Jefferson county, Texas."

The bill was read a second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Greer, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Burns.	Neal.
Davidson.	Patterson.
Dibrell.	Potter.
Greer.	Ross.
Hanger.	Sebastian.
James.	Stafford.
Kerr.	Terrell.
Linn.	Turney.
Lloyd.	Wayland.
Miller.	Yett.
Morriss.	

Absent.

Atlee.	Lewis.
Goss.	Odell.
Gough.	Stone.
Johnson.	Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

Grinnan.	McGee.
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The bill was read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Burns.	Neal.
Davidson.	Patterson.
Dibrell.	Potter.
Greer.	Ross.
Hanger.	Sebastian.
James.	Stafford.
Kerr.	Terrell.
Linn.	Turney.
Lloyd.	Wayland.
Miller.	Yett.
Morriss.	

Absent.

Atlee.	Lewis.
Goss.	Odell.
Gough.	Stone.
Johnson.	Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

Grinnan.	McGee.
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Senator Greer moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to lay that motion on the table.

Tabled.

On motion of Senator Patterson, the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Substitute House bill No. 782, A bill

53—Senate

to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Houston & Texas Central Railroad Company to purchase, own and operate the railroad of the Central Texas & Northwestern Railway Company with its franchises and appurtenances, the railroad of the Fort Worth & New Orleans Railway Company with its franchises and appurtenances, the Lancaster Tap Railroad with its franchises and appurtenances, the railroad of the Austin & Northwestern Railroad Company with its franchises and appurtenances, and the railroad of the Granite Mountain & Marble Falls City Railroad Company with its franchises and appurtenances, or either or any of such railroads with its or their franchises and appurtenances, and to authorize the owners of each of said railroads and its franchises and appurtenances to sell the same, and to authorize said Houston & Texas Central Railroad Company to issue additional mortgage bonds to the amount of the value of the railroads, franchises and appurtenances so purchased, and to the amount of the value of the railroad hereafter constructed by it under the provisions of this act, as fixed or as the same may be fixed by the Railroad Commission of Texas, and to regulate the reports of such properties and the operations thereof, and to authorize the Houston & Texas Central Railroad Company to construct, own, operate and maintain, or to amend its articles of incorporation so as to authorize it to construct, own, operate and maintain a railroad from a connection with the Austin & Northwestern Railroad in Burnet county to the town of Lampasas."

The bill was read a second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Patterson, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—18.

Burns.	Neal.
Davidson.	Odell.
Greer.	Patterson.
Hanger.	Ross.
James.	Sebastian.
Kerr.	Stafford.
Linn.	Turney.
Miller.	Yett.
Morriss.	Wayland.

Nays—3.

Lloyd.	Terrell.
Potter.	

Absent.

Atlee.	Goss.
Dibrell.	Gough.

Johnson. Stone.
Lewis. Yantis.
Absent—Excused.

Grinnan. McGee.

The bill was read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—16.

Burns. Neal.
Greer. Odell.
Hanger. Patterson.
James. Ross.
Kerr. Stafford.
Linn. Turney.
Miller. Wayland.
Morris. Yett.

Nays—5.

Davidson. Sebastian.
Lloyd. Terrell.
Potter.

Absent.

Atlee. Johnson.
Dibrell. Lewis.
Goss. Stone.
Gough. Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

Grinnan. McGee.

On motion of Senator Miller, the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Substitute House bill No. 497, A bill to be entitled "An Act to define and regulate fraternal beneficiary societies, or terms and conditions on which such societies organized under the laws of other States, or those doing business in other States, may be permitted to do business in Texas, and to define the duties of the Commissioner of Insurance of this State in relation thereto, providing for the incorporation of such societies, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read a second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Miller, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill placed upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Atlee. Morris.
Burns. Neal.
Davidson. Odell.
Dibrell. Patterson.
Gough. Potter.
Greer. Ross.
Hanger. Sebastian.
James. Stafford.
Kerr. Turney.
Linn. Wayland.
Lloyd. Yett.
Miller.

Present—Not voting.

Terrell.

Absent.

Goss. Stone.
Johnson. Yantis.
Lewis.

Absent.

Grinnan. McGee.

The bill was read a third time, and passed.

Senator Miller moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to lay that motion on the table.

Tabled.

CALLED UP FOR CONCURRENCE.

Senator Morris called up

Substitute Senate bill No. 162, A bill to be entitled "An Act to define white-capping, and fixing a punishment therefor," which had passed the House with amendment, and moved that the Senate concur in said amendment.

Carried by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Atlee. Morris.
Burns. Neal.
Davidson. Odell.
Dibrell. Patterson.
Gough. Potter.
Greer. Ross.
Hanger. Sebastian.
James. Stafford.
Kerr. Terrell.
Linn. Turney.
Lloyd. Wayland.
Miller. Yett.

Absent.

Goss. Stone.
Johnson. Yantis.
Lewis.

Absent—Excused.

Grinnan. McGee.

Senator Gough called up from the table, on second reading,

House bill No. 323, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create and establish an industrial institute and college in the State of Texas, for the education of white girls in the arts and sciences," action being on its passage to a third reading.

By Senator Turney:

"Amend the bill by striking out Section 12 of the bill, and inserting in lieu thereof the following: 'For the purpose of carrying into effect the object of this act, there is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the State treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one thousand dollars to be used in the selection of a site for the location of said in-

dustrial institute and college, and that no further sum or appropriation for said institute be made at this session of the Legislature.' "

Adopted.

By Senator Davidson:

"Amend by striking out line 17, page 1 (the enacting clause).

Senator Gough moved to table the amendment.

Carried by the following vote:

Yeas—15.

Atlee.	Neal.
Burns.	Odell.
Dibrell.	Ross.
Gough.	Sebastian.
Hanger.	Stafford.
James.	Turney.
Lloyd.	Wayland.
Miller.	

Nays—8.

Davidson.	Patterson.
Greer.	Potter.
Kerr.	Terrell.
Morris.	Yett.

Absent.

Goss.	Linn.
Johnson.	Stone.
Lewis.	Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

Grinnan.	McGee.
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By Senator Greer:

"Amend the bill by adding to Section 1, the following after the word 'at': 'Austin and shall be an adjunct of the State University, and be operated in connection with the same, and the teachers of the University shall, as far as practical, fill the chairs of said institute.' "

By Senator Terrell:

"Amend the amendment by striking out 'Austin and the University' and insert 'college' in the place of 'Austin' and 'Agricultural and Mechanical College' instead of 'University.' "

Senator Gough moved to table the amendment, and the amendment thereto.

Lost.

(Senator Atlee in the chair.)

Senator Potter moved that further consideration of the bill and pending amendments be postponed until Wednesday next after call.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—10.

Davidson.	Patterson.
Greer.	Potter.
Kerr.	Terrell.
Lloyd.	Turney.
Morris.	Yett.

Nays—11.

Atlee.	Miller.
Burns.	Neal.
Dibrell.	Ross.
Gough.	Sebastian.
Hanger.	Wayland.
James.	

Absent.

Goss.	Odell.
Johnson.	Stafford.
Lewis.	Stone.
Linn.	Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

Grinnan.	McGee.
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The amendment to the amendment (Terrell's) was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—11.

Atlee.	Potter.
Davidson.	Ross.
Greer.	Terrell.
Lloyd.	Turney.
Morris.	Wayland.
Patterson.	

Nays—10.

Burns.	Kerr.
Dibrell.	Miller.
Gough.	Neal.
Hanger.	Sebastian.
James.	Yett.

Absent.

Goss.	Odell.
Johnson.	Stafford.
Lewis.	Stone.
Linn.	Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

Grinnan.	McGee.
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Action being on the adoption of the amendment as amended, Senator Gough moved to table same.

Senator Potter made the point of order that the motion to table was not in order, for the reason that a motion to table the amendment (Greer's) and the amendment thereto (Terrell's) had been made and voted down, and that the motion now made included the tabling of the identical matter proposed to be tabled in the former motion.

Not sustained.

The motion to table was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—9.

Burns.	Miller.
Dibrell.	Neal.
Gough.	Ross.
Hanger.	Sebastian.
James.	

Nays—13.

Atlee.	Patterson.
Davidson.	Potter.
Greer.	Terrell.
Kerr.	Turney.
Linn.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	Yett.
Morriss.	

Absent.

Goss.	Stafford.
Johnson.	Stone.
Lewis.	Yantis.
Odell.	

Absent—Excused.

Grinnan.	McGee.
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Senator Burns offered to amend the amendment as amended (Greer's) as follows:

"Amend by striking out 'the Agricultural and Mechanical College' and insert in lieu thereof 'the Sam Houston Normal College.'"

Pending action,

On motion of Senator Davidson further consideration of the bill was postponed until Wednesday next after call, and the bill made a special order for that day.

CALLED UP FOR CONCURRENCE.

Senator Davidson called up

Senate bill No. 103, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 23, of Article 1194, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, regulating the venue of suits against private corporations, associations, and joint stock companies, so as to permit suits against carriers to be brought in any county in which the carrier on whose line the freight or baggage originated or was first shipped, has an office or agency, and against whom, with others, damages are claimed, or in any county in which is situated the depot, town, or point to which the freight or baggage was consigned or shipped, and to permit two or more carriers to be joined in one suit," which had passed the House with amendments, and moved that the Senate concur in said amendments.

Concurred.

CONFEDERATE PENSION BILL.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

Substitute House bill Nos. 160, 501 and 574 (Confederate pension bill), action being on the pending amendment offered by Senator Wayland (adding Section 14—emergency clause).

The amendment was adopted.

By Senator Terrell:

"Amend Section 3 by adding thereto the following: 'Provided, no pension shall ever be granted to any soldier or sailor who ever deserted the Confederate cause, or to such deserter's widow.'"

By Senator Sebastian:

Substitute the amendment as follows:

"Provided, that no pension shall be granted to any ex-Confederate soldier under the provisions of this bill, who ever deserted the Confederate army."

Pending action,

Senator Miller moved to take a recess until 3 p. m.

Lost.

The substitute for the amendment was then lost.

Senator Miller then renewed his motion for a recess until 3 p. m.

Lost.

The amendment (Terrell's) was then ADOPTED.

By Senator James:

"Amend the bill page 8, line 12, by adding after the word 'sort' the following: 'And further that the applicant is not an habitual drunkard.'"

Senator Patterson moved to table the amendment.

Carried by the following vote:

Yeas—17.

Atlee.	Neal.
Burns.	Odell.
Davidson.	Patterson.
Dibrell.	Potter.
Gough.	Sebastian.
Greer.	Stafford.
Hanger.	Turney.
Linn.	Wayland.
Morriss.	

Nays—7.

James.	Ross.
Kerr.	Terrell.
Lloyd.	Yett.
Miller.	

Absent.

Goss.	Stone.
Johnson.	Yantis.
Lewis.	

Absent—Excused.

Grinnan.	McGee.
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By Senator Terrell:

"Amend Section 10 by adding thereto the following: 'And provided further, that said fee of \$2.00 shall be the only fee allowed to the county judge for all the work performed by him in obtaining a pension.'"

Pending action,

Senator Miller moved to take a recess until 3 p. m.

Lost.

The pending amendment was then ADOPTED.

By Senator Greer:

"Amend by adding after the word 'law,' line 2, page 8, the following: 'And that such applicant never deserted the Confederacy, but it shall not be necessary to produce a certificate of his discharge in order to procure a pension under this act.'"

Adopted.

COMMITTEE REPORT.

By unanimous consent the following committee report was sent up:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 4, 1899.

Hon. R. N. Stafford, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 348, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 2509, 2510, 2514, 2516, 2517, 2518c, 2518h, 2518k, 2518l, 2518m, 2518n, of Chapter 4, Title XLVIII, of the Revised Civil Code of the State of Texas of 1895, and adding thereto Articles 2518q, 2518r, 2518s and 2518t to said Chapter 4, Title XLVIII, of the Revised Civil Code of the State of Texas of 1895, relating to fish, oysters, etc., and repealing all laws in conflict herewith,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

Floor report—Atlee, Burns, Potter, Odell and Patterson.

ATLEE, Chairman.

On motion of Senator Hanger the Senate adjourned until 3 p. m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

President Pro Tem. Stafford in the chair.

Roll called. No quorum, the following Senators answering to their names:

Davidson.	Morriss.
Dibrell.	Neal.
Goss.	Potter.
Greer.	Ross.
Hanger.	Sebastian.
James.	Stafford.
Kerr.	Terrell.
Linn.	Turney.
Lloyd.	Wayland.

Absent.

Atlee.	Odell.
Burns.	Patterson.
Gough.	Stone.
Johnson.	Yantis.
Lewis.	Yett.
Miller.	

Absent—Excused.

Grinnan.	McGee.
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Senator Hanger moved a call of the Senate for the purpose of securing a quorum, which was ordered, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Morriss.
Davidson.	Neal.
Dibrell.	Potter.
Goss.	Ross.
Greer.	Sebastian.
Hanger.	Stafford.
James.	Terrell.
Kerr.	Turney.
Linn.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	Yett.

Absent.

Burns.	Odell.
Gough.	Patterson.
Johnson.	Stone.
Lewis.	Yantis.
Miller.	

Absent—Excused.

Grinnan.	McGee.
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No quorum.

Senator Burns was announced.

Quorum announced present.

PENDING BUSINESS.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

Substitute House bill Nos. 160, 501 and 574 (Confederate pension bill), action being on its passage to a third reading.

By Senator Potter:

"Amend by adding after the word 'Home,' in line 14, page 11, Section 12, the following: 'Nor shall any person while confined in any of the asylums of this State at the expense of the State, or confined in the State penitentiary to satisfy a judgment of conviction.'"

Adopted.

The bill as amended was passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Morriss, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill placed upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Atlee.	Dibrell.
Burns.	Goss.
Davidson.	Greer.

Hanger.	Ross.
James.	Sebastian.
Kerr.	Stafford.
Linn.	Terrell.
Lloyd.	Turney.
Morriss.	Wayland.
Neal.	Yett.
Potter.	

Absent.

Gough.	Odell.
Johnson.	Patterson.
Lewis.	Stone.
Miller.	Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

Grinnan. McGee.

The bill was read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Atlee.	Morriss.
Burns.	Neal.
Davidson.	Potter.
Dibrell.	Ross.
Goss.	Sebastian.
Greer.	Stafford.
Hanger.	Terrell.
James.	Turney.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Linn.	Yett.
Lloyd.	

Absent.

Gough.	Odell.
Johnson.	Patterson.
Lewis.	Stone.
Miller.	Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

Grinnan. McGee.

Senator Wayland moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to lay that motion on the table.

Tabled.

BILLS SIGNED.

The Chair gave notice of signing, and did sign, in the presence of the Senate, after their captions had been read,

Senate bill No. 327, "An Act to incorporate the city of Fort Worth, and to grant a new charter to said city."

Senate bill No. 333, "An Act to authorize the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Company of Texas to acquire, by purchase or lease, the railroad of The Sherman, Shreveport & Southern Railway Company, extending from the city of McKinney, in Collin county, to the city of Jefferson, in Marion county, and any extension thereof from said city of Jefferson to the eastern line of Texas, in the direction of Shreveport, Louisiana, together with the property and franchises pertaining thereto, and to own, operate and maintain the same as a part of its

line, with the right to extend the same, and construct branches therefrom, by amendment of its charter, under the general laws of the State of Texas, and investing said companies, and each of them, with the power to make and execute all necessary contracts, agreements and conveyances to effect such sale or lease; also to authorize the said The Sherman, Shreveport & Southern Railway Company, before such sale or lease, or the said The Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Company of Texas, after such sale or lease, when the said railway, so to be purchased or leased, has been extended from the city of Jefferson to the eastern line of the State of Texas, in the direction of Shreveport, Louisiana, to connect with any railway extending to said city of Shreveport, and to acquire from the owner or owners of such line of railway in the State of Louisiana, by lease, trackage or running rights agreement, the use of such line to the said city of Shreveport; and further, to authorize the said The Sherman, Shreveport & Southern Railway Company, before such sale or lease, or the said The Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Company of Texas, after such sale or lease, to acquire necessary terminal facilities in the said city of Shreveport."

On motion of Senator Dibrell the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 341, A bill to be entitled "An Act making a supplementary appropriation for the per diem pay of members, officers and employes of the Regular Session of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas.

The bill was read a second time.

By Senator Dibrell:

"Amend the bill in line 24, by adding after the word 'therefore' the following: 'An emergency.'"

Adopted.

Senator Burns moved to suspend pending business to take up

House bill No. 334, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize admission to record and evidence in the courts of this State of duly certified copies of all deeds and other instruments of conveyances of land, which have been duly registered or recorded in other States, or in the Republic of Mexico, but which laws of such States or of the Republic of Mexico require to be retained in the deed or notarial archives of such States or of said Republic of Mexico, and to give such instruments like effect, as notice and proof, as is given by deeds executed in this State; and to declare an emergency."

Lost.

Action recurring on pending business,
The bill (Senate bill No. 341) was ordered engrossed by the following vote:

Yeas—19.

Davidson.	Neal.
Dibrell.	Odell.
Goss.	Ross.
Gough.	Sebastian.
Greer.	Stafford.
Hanger.	Terrell.
James.	Turney.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	Yett.
Morriss.	

Nays—2.

Atlee. Burns.

Absent.

Johnson.	Patterson.
Lewis.	Potter.
Linn.	Stone.
Miller.	Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

Grinnan. McGee.

On motion of Senator Dibrell, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill placed upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—19.

Davidson.	Neal.
Dibrell.	Odell.
Goss.	Ross.
Gough.	Sebastian.
Greer.	Stafford.
Hanger.	Terrell.
James.	Turney.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	Yett.
Morriss.	

Nays—3.

Atlee. Miller.
Burns.

Absent.

Johnson.	Potter.
Lewis.	Stone.
Linn.	Yantis.
Patterson.	

Absent—Excused.

Grinnan. McGee.

The bill was then read a third time, and passed.

Senator Dibrell moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed.
Reconsidered.

The bill was then passed by the following vote:

Yeas—20.

Atlee.	Goss.
Davidson.	Gough.
Dibrell.	Greer.

Grinnan.
Kerr.
Lloyd.
Miller.
Morriss.
Neal.
Odell.

Ross.
Sebastian.
Stafford.
Terrell.
Turney.
Wayland.
Yett.

Nays—2.

Burns. Potter.

Absent.

Hanger.	Linn.
James.	Patterson.
Johnson.	Stone.
Lewis.	Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

McGee.

On motion of Senator Morriss, the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Substitute House bill Nos. 30, 166, 178, 205, 211, 230, 328 and 366, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 4308, 4309, 4310, 4311, 4312, 4314, 4315, 4316, Title XC, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to public weighers, and providing for the appointment and election of public weighers for justice precincts, when so desired by the voters of any justice precinct, and regulate the fees charged by the public weighers, and regulating the bonds of all public weighers, and providing for an election to abolish the public weigher's office in counties where it is not wanted, and repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act."

The bill was read a second time.

By Senator Lloyd:

"Amend page 5, Article 4315, line 17, by striking out the word 'ten' and insert 'five.'"

Adopted.

By Senator Davidson:

"Amend by adding after the word 'voters,' in line 32, page 1, the following: 'Who are freeholders.'"

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 4, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 327, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate the city of Fort Worth, and to grant a new charter to said city,"

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 3:30 p. m., pre-

sented the same to the Governor for his approval.

GREER, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 4, 1899.

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And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 3:30 p. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

GREER, Acting Chairman.

Pending action,

On motion of Senator Wayland, the

Senate adjourned until 10 a. m. tomorrow by the following vote:

Yeas—11.

Atlee.	Neal.
Greer.	Odell.
Grinnan.	Ross.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Miller.	Yett.
Morriss.	

Nays—9.

Burns.	Potter.
Davidson.	Sebastian.
Gough.	Terrell.
James.	Turney.
Lloyd.	

Absent.

Dibrell.	Linn.
Goss.	Patterson.
Hanger.	Stafford.
Johnson.	Stone.
Lewis.	Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

McGee.

EIGHTIETH DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, Friday, May 5, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

President Pro Tem Stafford in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Miller.
Burns.	Morriss.
Davidson.	Neal.
Dibrell.	Odell.
Goss.	Patterson.
Gough.	Potter.
Greer.	Ross.
Grinnan.	Sebastian.
Hanger.	Stafford.
James.	Terrell.
Kerr.	Turney.
Linn.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	Yett.

Absent.

Johnson.	Stone.
Lewis.	Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

McGee.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Denison.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Wayland, the same was dispensed with.